

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] Thus, the present invention provides isolated nucleic acid molecules comprising a polynucleotide encoding the human NK-3 related prostate specific gene 1 (NKX3.1) polypeptide having the amino acid sequence shown in Figure 1 or 2 (SEQ ID NOs:2 or 4) or the amino acid sequence encoded by the cDNA clone deposited as ATCC Deposit Number 209006 on April 28, 1997. The present invention also provides isolated nucleic acid molecules comprising a polynucleotide encoding the human NK-3 related prostate specific gene 1 (HPFCA19) polypeptide having the ~~amino acid sequence shown in Figure 5 (SEQ ID NO:9) or the amino acid sequence encoded by the genomic clone deposited as ATCC Deposit Number 209005 on April 28, 1997.~~

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] Figure 1 shows the nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:1) and deduced amino acid (SEQ ID NO:2) sequences of NKX3.1. Amino acid residues from about ~~123-124~~ to about ~~153-183~~ ~~constitue-constitute~~ a homeodomain (underlined region in Figure 1). The protein has a deduced molecular weight of about 26 kDa.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] Figure 2 shows the nucleotide (SEQ ID NO:3) and deduced amino acid (SEQ ID NO:4) sequences of NKX3.1. Amino acid residues from about ~~123-124~~ to about ~~153-183~~ ~~constitue-constitute~~ a homeodomain (underlined region in Figure 2). The nucleotide sequence differs from that of SEQ ID NO:1 by one nucleotide. The protein has a deduced molecular weight of about 26 kDa and differs from the protein shown in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO: 2) by one amino acid.